

**SSI Milwaukee County Advisory Committee  
August 4, 2004 Meeting Summary**

**Organizations Represented:**

Autism Society of SE Wisconsin  
Community Advocates  
Community Care Organization  
DHFS  
Independence First  
Evercare, United Health Group  
Froedtert Hospital Administration  
iCare  
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Independence First  
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Legal Action  
Managed Health Services  
Managed Health Services  
Milwaukee County  
Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division  
Milwaukee County Dept on Aging  
Milwaukee Mental Health Association  
NAMI  
NAMI  
SEDA  
Society's Assets  
Wisconsin Community Mental Health  
Warmline  
Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

**Representatives:**

Patti Meerschaert  
Ken Germanson  
Barbara Moore  
Jim Hennen  
Bob Driscoll  
Laura Esslinger  
Maureen McNally  
Joyce Binder  
Lori Jacobson  
Karen Avery  
Lee Schulz  
Ginger Reimer  
Shirin Cabraal  
Sandi Tunis  
Rich Fredrickson  
Mike Kreuser  
Paul Radomski  
Chester Kuzminski  
Martha Rasmus  
Michelle Czuba  
D. Sitzberger  
Deanna Janssen  
Bruce Nelsen  
David Dropkin  
Lyn Malofsky  
Tom Hlavacek

**Staff:** Tim Connor and John Easterday, Division of Disability and Elder Services, David Beckfield, Angela Dombrowicki, Michael Fox, Sean Gartley, Mary Laughlin, and Janice Sieber, Bureau of Managed Health Care Programs; Gail Nordheim, The Management Group.

1. Angela Dombrowicki, Director of the Bureau of Managed Health Care Programs (BMHCP), called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Sean Gartley, Policy Analyst for BMHCP, presented materials outlining four proposed Committee Workgroups: a Quality Assurance Workgroup, Consumer Rights and Enrollment Workgroup, Scope of Services and Network Adequacy Workgroup, and a Rate Setting Workgroup. The materials included a goal statement for each workgroup, expected work products, and issues related to each workgroup that were brought up at past meetings and listening sessions. To the extent possible, existing documents (e.g. contract language) will provide the base product to work from, giving the workgroups an opportunity to work on issues specific to the SSI population in Milwaukee County. Workgroup meetings will take

place over the next few months and all work by these groups must be completed in October. Advisory Committee members had an opportunity to sign-up for one or more workgroups at the meeting (a workgroup membership list is attached).

3. Angela Dombrowicki presented federal requirements that would be of greatest interest to the Advisory Committee. A copy of the federal rule was also provided.
4. Tim Connor from the Division of Disability and Elder Services and Gail Nordheim from The Management Group outlined the quality improvement efforts developed as part of the Mental Health Redesign initiative, primarily focusing on the Recovery Oriented System Assessment tool.
5. Michael Fox, Deputy Director of BMHCP, presented information about the Early Warning Program, which has been successful in several other states. The program is based on several premises:
  - Consumers are involved in the ongoing, routine monitoring of the managed care program as part of a stakeholder group of providers, plans, and state staff.
  - The stakeholder group reviews existing managed care data as the basis of its monitoring efforts.
  - The early warning program can be operated with existing data and a minimal amount of additional administrative staff.
6. Angela Dombrowicki led a discussion of Next Steps. The State will send information to Advisory Committee members about the Workgroups in the next couple of weeks. The State will provide information about the enrollment of SSI individuals into managed care in other States at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee meeting.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Gartley  
BMHCP